

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Chief
2 Warrant Officer Ryan Connolly and Warrant Officer James Casadona.

3 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Connolly was an instructor pilot who
4 joined the Army in 2001, and arrived at Fort Campbell in 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Warrant Officer James Casadona was a pilot who joined the Army in
6 2012, and arrived at Fort Campbell in 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, both Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Connolly and Warrant Officer James
8 Casadona were soldiers of the 101st Combat Aviation "Destiny" Brigade, 101st Airborne
9 Division; and

10 WHEREAS, on Friday, April 6, 2018, these two prestigious soldiers were
11 conducting routine training when their AH-64E Apache helicopter crashed on the training
12 area that straddles the Kentucky-Tennessee line; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Craig Alia, commander of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade
14 reported, "The Destiny Brigade has suffered a great tragedy and our thoughts and prayers
15 go out to the families of the deceased. This is an unfortunate event, and we are saddened
16 by the loss of our fellow soldiers"; and

17 WHEREAS, together their decorations include two Air Medals, three Army
18 Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation,
19 Army Superior Unit Award, two Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service
20 Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism
21 Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Non-Commissioned
22 Officer Professional Development Ribbons, Army Service Ribbon, and an Overseas
23 Service Ribbon; and

24 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that these courageous soldiers receive
25 recognition for paying the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their country;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. Members of the Senate do hereby express their most profound
3 condolences upon the passing of Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Connolly and Warrant
4 Officer James Casadona to their family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

5 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
6 memory of Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Connolly and Warrant Officer James Casadona.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
8 Resolution to the office of Senator Whitney Westerfield for delivery.